

4th Grade Art and Essay Contest Rules

2013 Theme: *If I could spend the day with George Washington Carver...*

Any 4th grade student may enter AND students can enter BOTH categories of art AND essay!

The following is required in your Teacher Packet of entries:

- ARTWORK: Submit a completed “**Art Entry Sheet**” (see template). Attach a typed list of students submitting artwork. This list is vital during the judging and for certificates. Please do not list students who are not participating!
 - ESSAYS: Submit a completed “**Essay Entry Sheet**” (see template). Attach a typed list of students submitting essays. This list is vital during the judging and for certificates. Please do not list students who are not participating!
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ART REQUIREMENTS

A label with the following information must be affixed to the lower, back corner of each art entry so it is out of view of judges:

- Title of artwork (for example: “Prairie Sunset”)
- Student name
- School and teacher name (Include art teacher and classroom teacher, if applicable)

Two-dimensional media may not exceed 24 inches on each side. 2D media includes drawing, painting, printmaking, collage, photography, and mixed media.

Three-dimensional media may not exceed 24 inches in height, width, or depth. 3D artwork needs to be securely mounted to a firm, flat support. Sponsors are not responsible for damage of artwork during shipping or handling. Loose items may be subject to loss or damage.

Group projects are encouraged; minimum three students to a group. Project may not exceed 5 feet in height, width, or depth. *Special consideration will be given to projects that utilize natural and/or recycled materials.* Please contact George Washington National Monument if entries need special installation, such as hanging from the ceiling or placed in a corner.

ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

A label with the following information must be affixed to the lower right corner of the back of each entry so it is out of view of judges:

- Student name
- School name and teacher name

Handwritten or typed essays should be no more than 500 words in length. Longer essays will not be judged. Please do not use staples, if possible. Park staff must remove them for photocopying essays. Encourage double-sided pages. Format is 8 ½ x 11 inch paper. Do not submit folders or binders. Park staff will display essay entries in 3-ring binders.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Evaluations conducted by judges are final. Judging is based on the following criteria:

<u>ART</u>	<u>ESSAY</u>	
Expression of theme	Theme/Idea Development	Organization
Originality	Voice	Word choice
Technical ability	Sentence fluency	Conventions/Mechanical correctness
Creativity	Presentation	

Everyone who participates is a winner!

- A certificate for each participant
- One honorable mention per classroom in art & in essay
- Trophies for first, second, and third place individual winners in 2D art, 3D art, and essay
- \$50 savings bond awarded to first place individual winners in 2D art, 3D art, and essay
- Trophies for Best of Show in art and Best Group Project in art
- Trophy for Most Creative Classroom in art and in essay (teachers receive a gift certificate!)

DEADLINE

The deadline for all entries is February 15, 2013. Entries will also be accepted any time before this date. If mailed they must be postmarked by or on this date. Deliver or mail entries to:

George Washington Carver National Monument
5646 Carver Road
Diamond, MO 64840

THE SHOW

Artwork will be on display for public viewing at George Washington Carver National Monument beginning March 4th between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Sunday through Saturday. Essays will be on display after the final round of judging, March 14th. Please invite families to visit the exhibition! George Washington Carver National Monument is free of charge.

THE AWARDS CEREMONY

On Saturday March 30th, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at George Washington Carver National Monument, all participating students and families, art teachers, classroom teachers, and principals are encouraged to attend this special ceremony. Winning students will present their entries. Please plan to collect all entries following the awards ceremony.

Further information may be obtained by calling George Washington Carver National Monument at 417-325-4151 from 9 am. to 4:30 pm. You may email the rangers: gwca_interpretation@nps.gov.

Find more information on Facebook: 

Park website: www.nps.gov/gwca